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For: LARGE CONDUCTANCE CALCIUM-  
ACTIVATED K CHANNEL OPENER

Examiner: Andrew B. Freistein

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

10/664,165	September 17, 2003	1621
11/353,189	February 14, 2006	1621
10/474,850	February 10, 2004	1617
10/574,529	April 4, 2006	1614
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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

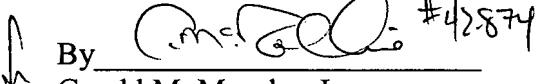
- Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.
- Copies of the cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) are available on the USPTO's Image File Wrapper. Therefore copies thereof need not be attached.
- The materials in the envelope are considered trade secrets and are being submitted for consideration under MPEP § 724.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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